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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing by the DCI of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

1. The Director, accompanied by the DD/I and Legislative Counsel, appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Executive Session. Present from the Committee were:

J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.), Chairman
 Theodore Francis Green (D., R.I.)
 John Sparkman (D., Ala.)
 Hubert H. Humphrey (D., Minn.)
 Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.)
 Wayne Morse (D., Ore.)
 Russell B. Long (D., La.)

John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.)
 Albert Gore (D., Tenn.)
 Alexander Wiley (R., Wis.)
 Bourke B. Hickenlooper (R., Iowa)
 George D. Aiken (R., Vt.)
 Frank Carlson (R., Kansas)

Present from the Committee staff were:

Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff
 Donald G. Henderson, Consultant
 Darrell St Claire, Chief Clerk
 John Newhouse
 Pat M. Holt, Consultant
 George C. Denney, Jr., Consultant

The reporter was Robert G. Cantor of Ward and Paul.

2. The Director spoke from prepared notes dealing mainly with
 [redacted] There were a number of off-the-record discussions which
 I shall attempt to cover and leave the record items for the transcript.

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25X1 3. In particular, Senator Fulbright was interested in covert activities of the Agency. He specifically asked what are [redacted]

[redacted] Does CIA have the necessary means? Possibly the DCI could give leadership in this field? Is there anything CIA can do or is there anything it needs and can the Congress help? Does CIA have sufficient funds and money? Are we conducting the necessary training for covert activities? The Director indicated that we were engaged in the business of training indigenous types. The Director further pointed out that such covert activities as we do have are only in support of established policy. In

25X1 [redacted] Senator Fulbright asked could CIA give direction and assistance by concerted action to the surrounding countries? Is CIA adequately equipped and staffed for this type of action? The Director commented that the Congress has been fair and generous in connection with funds although reserve funds were getting low. Fulbright stated that the U. S. must meet the covert and subversive actions of the USSR and he recognized that this threat cannot be met by overt political means but must be by covert and subversive means.

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4. In response to a question from Senator Hickenlooper about CIA [redacted]

5. Senator Hickenlooper also asked questions about covert activities indicating his belief in the necessity for such action being taken. The Director again emphasized that any covert activities of the Agency follow and support the over-all U. S. policy.

6. Senator Humphrey asked a number of questions about covert activities and vigorously supported the idea that we must deal with the subversive acts of the USSR by countersubversive means.

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7. The DCI spoke to Senator Morse about the excerpt from the National Guardian magazine inserted in the Congressional Record of Saturday, 25 April 1959. The Director advised the Senator that this was a completely Communist-dominated magazine and that by insertion in the Congressional Record the Communists were able not to quote from their own magazine, but to assert that it came from the Congressional Record thus giving it stature. The Director further stated that he would furnish additional information in a letter to the Senator.

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9. Senator Humphrey asked if we could furnish him information concerning the persecution of the Moslem minority in the USSR. The Director answered the question generally and then stated we would send to Humphrey a detailed report.

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S/ John S. Warner

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached for information is a memorandum concerning your briefing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. All follow-up action items are being taken care of here except for the letter which you stated you were going to send to Senator Morse.

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